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Contacts said under way to revive Mideast talks

CAIRO, Feb. 4 (Agencies)—"Crucial contacts" are under way between Egypt and the United States to revive the Mideast peace process and step up Egypt-U.S. military cooperation, the authoritative "Al Ahram" newspaper reported Sunday.

These contacts, the paper said, are to be pursued sometime within the coming two weeks, when President Jimmy Carter and President Anwar Sadat are to agree on ways of activating the Egyptian-Israeli peace drive.

Carter has been examining the Mideast situation in the light of a report submitted by U.S.

rowing ambassador Alfred Atherton, who visited Cairo and Tel Aviv a week ago, the paper said.

Acting Foreign Minister Boutros Ghali has conferred with the U.S. ambassador to Cairo, Herman Elts, on American-Egyptian relations, said "Al Ahram."

It quoted Elts as saying that U.S. Defense Secretary Harold Brown will arrive Feb. 16 and confer with Sadat the next day.

In a related development, the Egyptian weekly "Rose El Yousef" reported Sunday that Egypt has rejected an Israeli proposal as unfounded.

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Israeli soldiers break up West Bank demonstrations

JERUSALEM, Feb. 4 (Agencies)—Israeli soldiers and police used truncheons to break up demonstrations by stone-throwing Palestinian schoolchildren in several West Bank towns Sunday, eyewitnesses said.

The protests were over Israel's recent blowing up or sealing of Palestinian houses in the occupied West Bank as punishment for PLO sympathizers, spokesmen for the demonstrators said.

An unidentified woman tourist was slightly injured by the demonstrators when they stoned a bus passing through Hulhul, south of Jerusalem, on a sightseeing tour.

In the biggest protest, at Ramallah, near Jerusalem, students milled through streets, stoning troops and police, eyewitnesses and military sources said.

They were forced back with truncheons, and then massed outside a police station, smashing windows with stones, the sources said.

Earlier Saturday, one person was killed and several were injured when a bomb exploded

in the old city of Jerusalem, police said.

The building, which is close to the Wailing Wall, was badly damaged and partly collapsed.

A number of people nearby were slightly injured and required only first aid treatment. Two people were injured more seriously, police said.

As violence continued Israel's supreme court Sunday ordered a commission to study rival land claims at a site in the West Bank where Palestinians are trying to block construction of a new Jewish settlement. Israel Radio reported.

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Hundreds of Bhutto supporters arrested in continuing swoop

ISLAMABAD, Feb. 4 (R)

—Hundreds of people were arrested and hundreds more went underground Sunday as police and soldiers swooped on supporters of condemned ex-Premier Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

Officials of his Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) were seized in their beds during extensive house raids by the security forces.

Pakistan's martial law administrator Gen. Zia-Ul-Haq ordered the arrests to crush any show of dissent when the supreme court delivers its verdict

on whether Bhutto should be sent to the gallows.

The arrests, which started Saturday, indicated that the court's judgment was imminent. But no date has been announced and lawyers involved in the case said they had received no advance warning of a court ruling.

Jails were filled with former senators, members of parliament and others thought capable of organizing anti-government protests if Bhutto loses his appeal against the death sentence imposed on charges of ordering the assassination of a political opponent.

Estimates varied of the number detained. In the Punjab province alone they were put at between 400 and 1,000.

One leading Peoples Party official said thousands had been rounded up. Many were detained in a similar swoop a few days before the Lahore High Court sentenced Bhutto, 51, to death last March.

Some had profited by the experience — and bolted. One man, PPP president Haleem Pirzada in the Sindh town of Sukkur, was in the nick of time. He walked out of his back door as troops rushed in the front.

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Palestinians blame UNIFIL for clash in south Lebanon

BEIRUT, Feb. 4 (Agencies)—Palestinian commandos Sunday blamed United Nations forces in southern Lebanon for provoking a six-hour gunbattle Saturday in which two U.N. soldiers from Fiji and a Palestinian were killed.

Four Norwegian U.N. troops died when their helicopter, called in to evacuate the wounded, crashed, a U.N. spokesman in Beirut said.

The six deaths represented the highest single casualty toll yet suffered by the 5,000-man U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) since it arrived last March following the Israeli invasion.

Radical Palestinians and their Lebanese leftist allies clashed with the Fijians at sunset Saturday near Qana, five miles southeast of the Tyre port. The commandos later issued a statement claiming the battle erupted after the Fijians "executed" one of their men and they vowed revenge.

The U.N. spokesman confirmed the report that two Fijians were killed but said he had no information to verify the claim that Fijians executed a commando.

The Norwegian helicopter, with two crewmen and two medical officers, was about to land at Qana to evacuate a wounded Fijian soldier when it crashed, instantly killing all aboard.

A Norwegian official said an investigation into the crash has begun, but initial reports in

dictate the American-made Huey chopper either had a technical malfunction or hit a telephone line.

A radical Palestinian group, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), said one of its fighters, code-named "Guverra," was kidnapped by the Fijians, taken to the U.N. contingent's headquarters in Qana and "executed" at the entrance of the Qana barracks.

The statement said PFLP and Lebanese allies went to secure the fighter's release when the Fijians opened fire, "so we were forced to shoot back." It said one commando was killed and six others wounded in the battle.

The 600-man Fijian contingent, representing the bulk of the Pacific island's army, suffered two wounded in addition to the two fatalities.

The bodies of the six U.N. men were transported to Israel for shipment home, officials said.

The Norwegian embassy identified the four officers as: Pilot First Lt. Per Frode Eriksson, 23, navigator Lt. Kjetil Edvard Rund, 30, the doctor Maj. Egil Kjeldas, 32, and nurse Lt. Jostein Berg, 32.

The PFLP said the incident "proves the Fijian force is carrying out a scheme serving the isolationists (rightist militias) and the Israelis."

Another commando statement vowed "this crime will not go unpunished."

Bakhtiar 'not opposed' to shadow government



GREET KHOMEINI: Crowds greeting religious opposition leader Ayatollah Khomeini at his Tel Aviv headquarters. (Wirephoto)

TEHRAN, Feb. 4 (AP) —

Prime Minister Shapour Bakhtiar said Sunday he would not oppose creation of a shadow government by opposition leader Ayatollah Khomeini but later added, "There is one Iran and one government. More than that is not tolerable for me or you."

In an interview with Tehran Radio, the prime minister vowed again not to resign and promised he would not "permit a new type of dictatorship which will be worse than before."

Opposition sources said they expected Khomeini, who returned to Iran last Thursday after forcing the Shah to leave the country, to designate a prime minister for his Islamic provisional government within a week.

Once the provisional government is appointed, "we are reaching the final conclusion of the situation," said Ibrahim Yazdi, a close Khomeini advisor.

The American-educated physician said he hoped Bakhtiar would "submit to the will of the people" and resign. "If not, we are ready for confrontation."

Bakhtiar said he was willing to "make maximum use" of Khomeini's views and plans for Iran but expressed "doubts about the religious leader's vision of an Islamic republic."

"This Islamic republic is incomprehensible to me," Bakhtiar said. "I've not seen this in the front."

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Oman minister says developments in Iran could affect Gulf states

By Farouk Lagman

JEPPDAH, Feb. 4—Omani Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Qais Zawawi said Sunday that the situation in Iran could affect the rest of the Gulf region but that it is "too early to assess the kind and extent of such influences."

Zawawi, who arrived here on a short visit to deliver a message from Sultan Qaboos to King Khalid, told "Arab News" that "we can compare the effects of the Iranian situation on the region to repercussions in Western Europe to a change of regime in Italy. There might be a change of balance."

Zawawi said that so far "there is no indication of the direction of Iranian foreign policy" after the departure of the Shah.

"On the contrary, there seems to be greater understanding and sympathy for the Arabs in Iranian official circles. But what happens amongst them is entirely an internal matter," he said.

He added that reports claiming that Iranian Air Force planes have withdrawn from Oman were unfounded simply because "there were no Iranian planes in the country."

Most Iranian troops had been withdrawn after helping the sultanate quell the insur-

rection in Dhofar he added. Now Omani troops are in full control of the region and apart from a few and isolated hit and run attacks, the situation is back to normal, he said.

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Security pact to be signed with Iraq

JEDDAH, Feb. 4 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia and Iraq will shortly sign an agreement for cooperation in issues relating to border security and internal crime prevention.

The agreement, which now awaits ratification by the two governments, was drafted Sunday after a three-hour meeting between Interior Minister Prince Naif and the Iraqi minister, Izzat Ibrahim.

The agreement also covers technical and administrative relations between the two ministries.

Ibrahim, who began talks with Prince Naif on arrival here Sunday, is visiting Saudi Arabia for one week.

In a statement after the meeting, Ibrahim said the talks also covered "mutual relations and developments in the Arab region."

The security agreement "will be a leap in the relations between the interior ministries of Iraq and Saudi Arabia", he said.

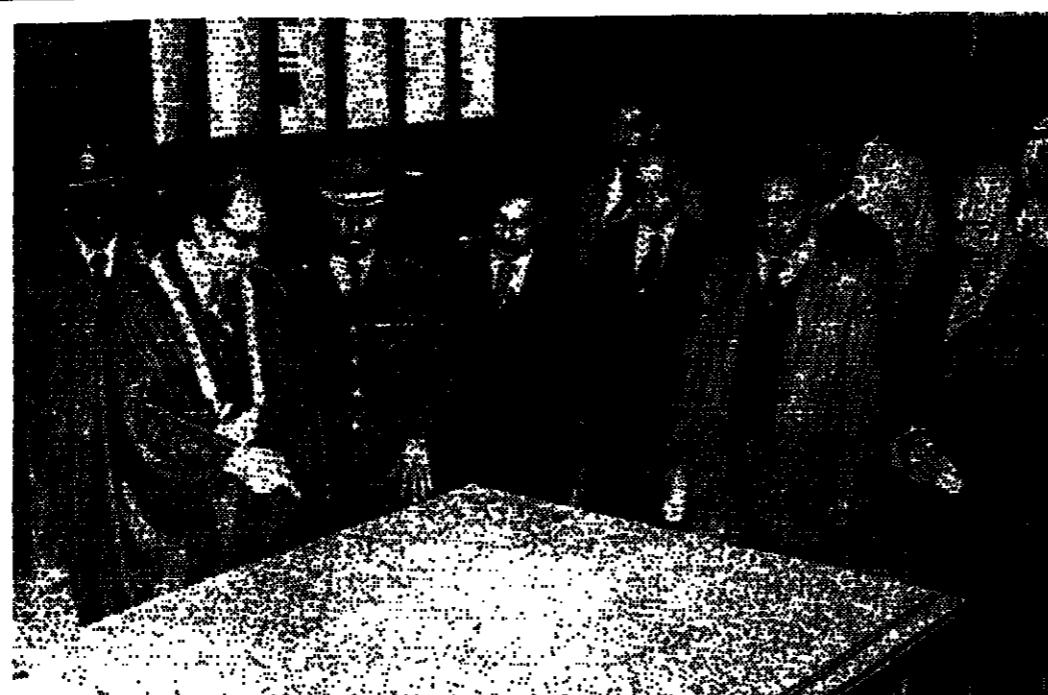
Relations between the ministries will "take a great step forward as a result of the security agreement", he said. "It will have positive results for the internal security of both countries."

Ibrahim also said that he had briefed Saudi officials on the talks proceeding between Syria and Iraq on the unification of areas of government policy.

He said that the Saudi and Iraqi attitudes "to the matters discussed today were identical".

Later Sunday, the minister, who is a member of Iraq's Revolutionary Command Council, visited the International Security Forces Academy here Sunday.

Ibrahim also saw a training display by fire brigades and a film on the activities of the college and its training programs. He visited the college's club where the academy commander presented him with the academy shield.



INTERIOR: Iraq Interior Minister Izzat Ibrahim (in middle) viewing plans at the Interior Security Forces Academy in Riyadh Sunday.

Agreement signed

Banks to lend Taiwan firm SR99 m

By a Staff Reporter

JEDDAH, Feb. 4—Four major banks operating in Saudi Arabia and the semi-state Saudi Investment Banking Corporation are to provide the Taiwan Power Company with a loan of SR99 million after a successful issue of Saudi riyals.

Officials from the Kingdom's largest bank, the National Commercial Bank, the Bank Al-Jazirah, the Banque de Caire, the Saudi-British Bank and the SIBC signed the loan agreement Sunday with Lan Cheng, vice-president of Taiwan Power.

Also attending the signing ceremony at the Meridien Hotel were representatives from the Bank of Taiwan and the International Credit Bank of China, guaranteeing the loan.

The loan will cover immediate foreign-exchange needs of the Taiwan utility, which is installing a 60-megawatt power plant and transmission system in Baha for the Kingdom's General Electricity Organization.

Part of the loan may be used for purchase of equipment for the Baha scheme, in five years, carries a coupon of 7% per cent at 99 1/2 per cent of issue price. Each note was priced at SR500,000 and the offering was oversubscribed, NCB officials said.

"Traditionally, Saudi Arabia has been one of Taiwan's major supporters", said Bajamal, international department manager of NCB which lead-managed the loan. "We hope this will continue", he said.

NCB led the underwriting of the note issue, which is denominated in Saudi riyals and was wholly arranged in the Kingdom. The issue, due

Sunday night, Dr. Suzuki was due to address a seminar at King Abdul Aziz University here on the new process.

The offering follows a pioneering SR50 million note issue by the Korea Exchange Bank, underwritten by NCB with the Riyadh Bank and the SIBC last May.

Sunday's issue appears, however, to be the first involving the crop of foreign banks domesticated or about to be domesticated under the Kingdom's "Saudization" policy.

The loan was agreed in principle between Finance Minister Muhammad Aba Al-Khalil and Republic of China Finance Minister Walter Fei during Fei's visit to the Kingdom at the beginning of 1978.

Although the loan was handled by private banks, the government, through the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, requires to give approval to reissue notes or bond issues because of its oft-stated reluctance to allow the riyal a large international role.

Said to save time, money

Jeddah looks into road-building process

By a Staff Reporter

JEDDAH — Feb. 4 — A shore strip of road on Jeddah's Corniche will Monday be paved under a new process which may revolutionize road-building in Saudi Arabia.

The process, invented by Tokyo Institute of Technology Professor Dr. Shinichi Suzuki, can save 40 per cent of the time and from 10-35 per cent of the cost of road construction, officials of Japanese firms interested in the process said Sunday.

Blower

Dr. Suzuki, 71, was guest of honor Sunday at a lunch given by Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Said Farisi and attended by around 150 construction engineers and experts.



INVENTOR: Dr. Suzuki with Mayor Farisi at Sunday's lunch.

ing the aggregates to the site, company officials said. Surfaces laid with the agent provide greater impaction than the poorly graded aggregates available in the Kingdom — sand often has to be imported — and yet provides flexibility to resist distortion caused by the extremes of heat and cold in Saudi Arabia.

Military

The process has been used

extensively in construction of military roads in Japan.

Officials of Chemtech, a division of the Jamjoom organization which hopes to market the process, showed test roads paved by the process in Tokyo to representatives of Jeddah Municipality in December.

The municipality then invited Dr. Suzuki to test pave a 10-meter strip along the Corniche. The strip will then be monitored for its performance under the rigors of the Jeddah climate.

Marketed

A similar agent, marketed under the name Foro-Cell, has been used in construction of buildings in Japan and was also shown to the city officials in December. It is claimed to offer greater resistance to weather and heat-transfer than conventionally made concrete.

Information aides review agenda for ministers' meet

MANAMA, Feb. 4 (SPA) — Gulf Arab information experts opened meetings here Sunday to prepare for next Wednesday's Arab Information Ministers' Conference, with Deputy Information Minister Dr. Abdul Aziz Khoja representing Saudi Arabia.

The experts will discuss a projected regional training center for radio and television in

Qatar, allocation of TV channels in the Gulf, a memorandum on the activities of the Gulf Television Authority, coordination of European programs on radio and television, a Gulf information documentation center, a petroleum information center, and broadcast of soccer and other sports.

Petromin deputy to chair Arab oil financing parley

AL-KHOBAR, Feb. 4 (SPA) — The board of the Arab Petroleum Investment Company will meet Wednesday to discuss new joint ventures and the company's performance in 1978.

Dr. Nureddin Farraj, director general of the company, said that the meeting will be chaired by Jamal Hassan Jawa, deputy governor of Petromin and Saudi Arabia representative on the board.

Representatives of member states of the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC): Iraq, Ku-

wait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain, Egypt, Libya, Syria and Algeria will also attend.

The company, set up in 1975 by OAPEC, has a paid-up capital of \$1 billion. It has participated in financing a number of petroleum and petrochemicals operations in Bahrain, Qatar, Jordan, Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco.

The company participated in the first international loan financing for a joint Arab oil project — the SUMED pipeline for pumping oil from Suez to the Mediterranean coast at Alexandria.

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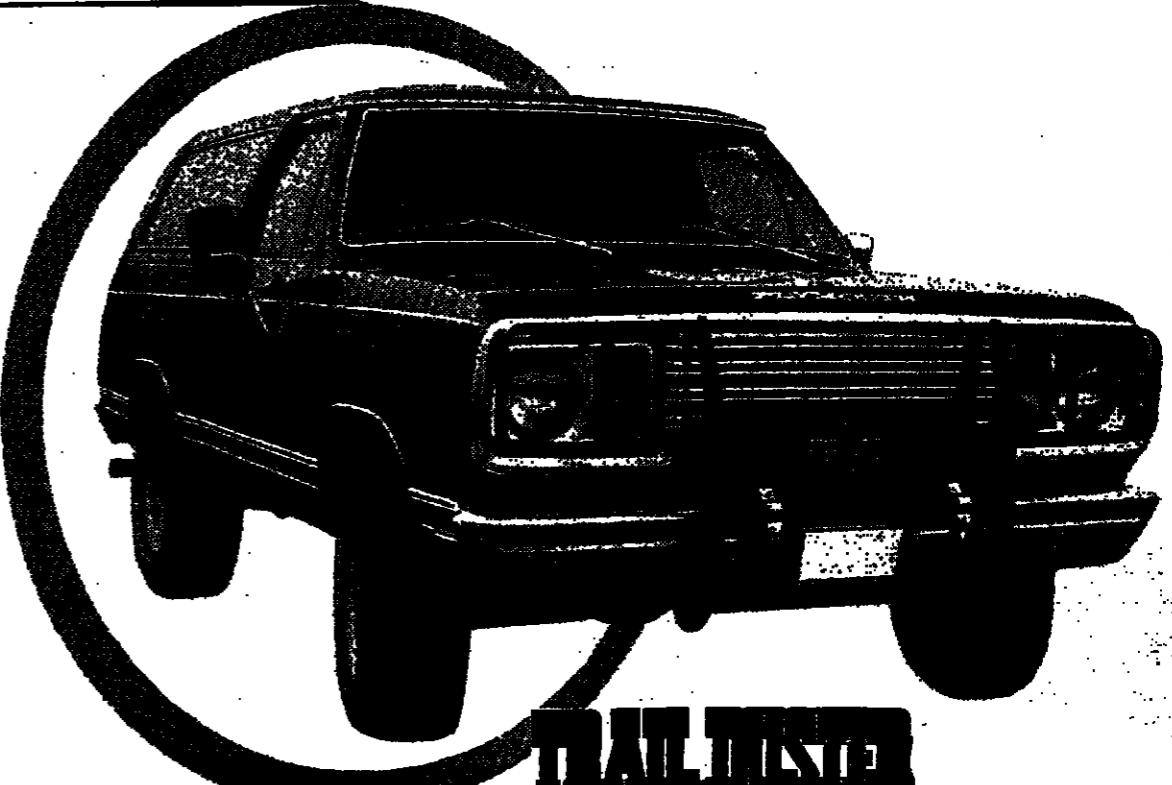


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Reaches 680,000 barrels a day

Oil production meeting Iran's needs

TEHRAN, Feb. 4 (AP) — Iranian crude oil production is now back at a level to accommodate the nation's own needs but there is still no sign when significant exports will resume, oil industry sources said Sunday.

They placed the current production level at nearly 680,000 barrels per day, compared with six million barrels a day before the nation cut off oil exports and oil workers

began a strike last October. Production last month was as low as 150,000 daily barrels, causing severe fuel shortages.

Streets in Tehran and other cities are now choked with traffic once more. Lines for gasoline and kerosene have eased considerably after an agreement by oil workers to produce for Iranian consumers.

The sources said oil produc-

tion is now expected to remain at between 680,000 and 700,000 barrels daily until a decision on exports is made.

"This is a reasonable target for domestic consumption," one source close to the industry said. Oil needs range as high as 900,000 barrels a day in the coldest weather, which occurred last month.

One threat to continued production for national needs comes from the piling up of

"bunker oil," usually used as ship fuel. Bunker fuel is an automatic byproduct of oil refining for gasoline, kerosene and other petroleum products.

The country already has about 8.5 million barrels of bunker oil and the supplies must be sold abroad or destroyed to make more room for more of the inevitable bunker oil production, the sources said.

Meanwhile, an advisor to Ayatollah Khomeini said Sunday that Iranian oil production under an Islamic republic would be only 40 per cent of the output under the Shah.

However, Iran would expect higher prices for its oil, said Dr. Fazlullah Bani-Sadr.

In a meeting at his home with reporters, Bani-Sadr said he favors a new economic system that would be "neither capitalist nor Marxist, nor a combination of the two." He said a new regime might not honor foreign debts contracted by previous governments.

Khomeini has not yet indicated who will design the economic system of the Islamic republic he seeks to create in Iran.

The plan includes a three per cent cut in the \$12.7 billion national budget, increases in property taxes and interest rates, cuts in government subsidies for food and public transport, and increased efforts to stop tax evasion.

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UNRWA acting Commissioner-General Alan Brown met the action group Saturday, but the group spokesman said the meeting was futile as the U.N. official "showed no flexibility."

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RABAT, Feb. 4 (R) — Morocco said Saturday its troops killed more than 200 guerrillas of the Polisario Front who attacked the southern Moroccan town of Tan-Tan last Sunday.

The Moroccan news agency (MAP) said government forces suffered four dead and 14 wounded.

The guerrillas have claimed they killed nearly 300 Moroccan troops in the fighting.

The Algerian-backed Polisario Front is fighting for the independence of Western Sahara. The territory was partitioned between Morocco and Mauritania when Spain ceded it in 1976.

Second stop of tour

Iraq welcomes President Tito

BAGHDAD, Feb. 4 (AP) — Yugoslav President Josip Broz Tito arrived here Sunday for talks with Iraqi President Ahmad Hassan Al-Bakr.

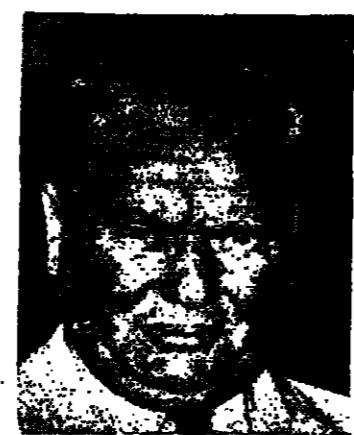
Tito came from Kuwait on the second leg of an 18-day Middle Eastern swing that will also take him to Syria, and Jordan.

While in Kuwait, Tito urged the Arab nations not to push President Sadat into concluding a unilateral peace treaty with Israel, and indicated his willingness to mediate in the inter-Arab disputes over the peace overtures.

A joint communiqué issued in Kuwait supported the establishment of a Palestinian state under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The 86-year-old Yugoslav leader, one of the architects of the non-aligned movement, is expected to reiterate his call for restraint against Sadat to his Iraqi hosts and Jordan and Syria.

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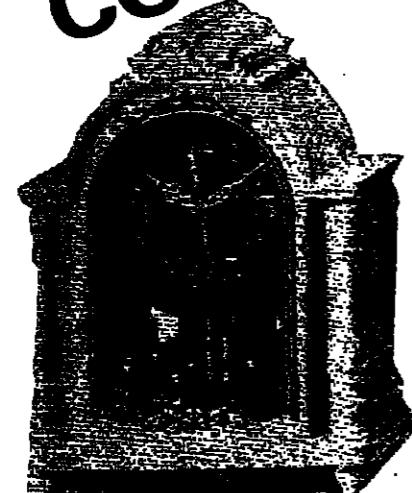
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The Algerian-backed Polisario Front is fighting for the independence of Western Sahara. The territory was partitioned between Morocco and Mauritania when Spain ceded it in 1976.

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After talks with Vance

Owen voices despair about Rhodesia

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (R) — Britain and the United States believe that the situation in Rhodesia is deteriorating seriously and that there is no solution in sight which can end the mounting bloodshed.

"At the moment there is a sense of despair about Rhodesia," British Foreign Secretary David Owen said after two days of talks with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance largely

about events in southern Africa.

The two governments have proposed an Anglo-American plan to achieve a changeover to majority rule in Rhodesia under United Nations supervision but it is stalled by wide lack of agreement among neighboring states and internal Rhodesian factions.

Owen said Saturday night that one hopeful factor was

that Namibia (South West Africa) was moving towards independence under U.N. supervision, although such an agreement on Namibia had once been thought unlikely.

"Maybe if we get Namibia we can move on into Rhodesia and use again the same techniques," he said.

Owen said it appeared likely that a U.N. force would move into Namibia later this month

to supervise elections although its composition had not yet been decided.

He claimed much of the atmosphere of despair around Rhodesia emanates from Ian Smith, Rhodesia's white prime minister.

Smith has organized his own internal settlement with three black leaders which calls for general elections in April.

The minister said that since Smith announced his plans for internal settlement in 1977 some 5,000 people had been killed in Rhodesia. 90 percent of the country was under martial law and there was tight media censorship.

"Very few of the promises and aspirations have been fulfilled," he said.

Owen said that although Britain had decided against calling a Rhodesia conference because of basic disagreement among the parties, it was still pressing to get the plan recognized as a basis for talks.

"We are in constant contact with the parties," he said. "We are all the time trying to find ways of bringing them together."

Owen said Britain, which has maintained a policy of economic sanctions against Rhodesia since the country broke away from British rule, had recently closed the gap against British petroleum products being sent into the country.

He suggested the United States should investigate the possibility that two U.S. oil companies were shipping oil and its derivatives to Rhodesia.

NANKING: A mid-forties Chrysler that was used by the late Chinese Prime Minister Chou En-lai, displayed at his 1946-7 headquarters in Nanking, which is now a museum. Chou made Nanking his capital during unsuccessful negotiations to avert the civil war. (AP wirephoto)

Republican conference demands SALT linkage to Soviet policy

EASTON, Md. Feb. 4 (AP) — Republican officeholders

urged Saturday that any strategic arms limitation treaty with the Soviet Union be linked to Russian activities throughout the world.

A conference including Republican members of the U.S. Congress and state governors approved a resolution proposed by Senate Minority Leader Howard Baker (R-Tenn.) saying the debate on a SALT II accord should "consider the total military and foreign policy relationship between the United States and the Soviet Union."

Baker said it would be bad policy to consider a SALT

treaty "in isolation."

Noting that President Carter and Soviet leaders oppose linking SALT to other issues, Baker responded, "I say non-sense. It has to be considered in the light of the real world."

Conference participants rejected proposals to list specific areas of Soviet activity to which approval of SALT II should be linked.

Baker, a likely candidate for the Republican party's 1980 presidential nomination, is considered a key figure in administration efforts to muster support for a new SALT treaty. Such a pact is expected to be submitted to the Senate this spring. A two-thirds majority

vote will be required for ratification.

Baker said his position on linkage should not be taken as an indication of his position on the treaty itself.

He said both the Soviets and Carter take the position on SALT "that if it's a good treaty, it's a good treaty" and approval should not be tied to other issues.

Baker also said that on a recent trip to the Soviet Union, he was told by President Leonid Brezhnev that there should be no linkage, but that the Russian leader then criticized the developing United States relationship with China.

Baker said Brezhnev told him if the United States persists in its relationship with China, it could sour relations between the United States and the Soviet Union.

Brezhnev was saying linkage is fine for me, but not for you," the senator said.

Baker's SALT resolution was supported by several other Republican senators including Bob Dole (R-Kan.), another presidential hopeful, and Jacob Javits (R-N.Y.), ranking Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

4 terrorist suspects held in Milan

ROME, Feb. 4 (AP) — Police arrested three men and a woman and seized arms, ammunition and Red Brigades leaflets in a series of raids on suspected terrorist hideouts in Milan, authorities announced Saturday. The four were accused of illegal possession of weapons and participating in armed bands.

SPD backs lifting law on Nazis

SCHLIERSEE, West Germany, Feb. 4 (R) — Leader of West Germany's ruling Social Democratic Party (SPD) Saturday advocated the lifting of West Germany's statute of limitations for murder to allow continued prosecution of Nazi war criminals.

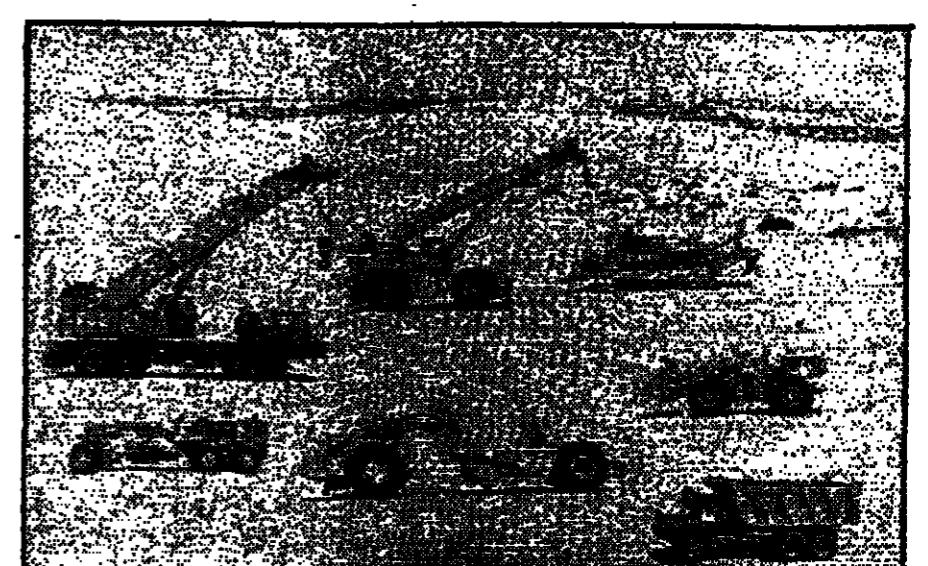
Flood bribery case mistrial ruled

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (AP) — A federal judge declared a mistrial in the bribery and perjury trial of representative Daniel Flood, Democrat-Pennsylvania, after a jury declared Saturday it could not reach agreement on any of 11 counts against the politician.

Gummen hijack ski boot trucks

MONTEBELLUNA, Italy, Feb. 4 (R) — Five masked and armed men hijacked trucks containing ski and climbing boots worth several hundred thousand dollars near this north Italian town on Friday, police said Sunday.

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LOS ANGELES, Feb. 4 (R) — Guyana is discussing with U.S. officials what to do with \$1 million found at the scene of the Jonestown massacre. Guyanese Information Minister Shirley Field-Ridley has said.

More than 900 members of the Peoples Temple religious cult died in a ritual of suicide and murder at the jungle community in Guyana last November.

Guyana's police chief, Cecil

Roberts, told an inquest into the deaths that police had found nearly \$1 million in cash in and around the Jonestown commune.

Miss Field-Ridley told a news conference Saturday the money could be seized by the Guyanese government because it is illegal to hold foreign currency there without declaring it.

The U.S. is seeking to recover \$3.5 million it spent to remove the bodies.

Pol Pot soldiers plan joint strategy

BANGKOK, Feb. 4 (R) — The ousted Cambodian government of Preuher Pol Pot Sunday dropped the first hint of a coordinated campaign in its war against the Vietnamese-led forces which claim control of the entire country.

The loyalist Radio Democratic Cambodia, believed to be broadcasting from China, said a two-day national conference of Khmer Rouge troops took place last Thursday and Friday.

The radio did not mention where the meeting took place but said 183 representatives from nine different battle fronts were present. A high-ranking member of the Communist Party central committee presided.

The conference pledged to continue fighting the Vietnamese aggressors and rooting out enemy spies planted among the Khmer Rouge.

Previous unconfirmed reports said Pol Pot and President Khieu Samphan were personally directing the guerrilla war from the jungles.

The Khmer Rouge Sunday listed eight major areas of fighting including a claim of full control over the vital Highway Four linking Phnom Penh and the country's only deep-sea port at Kompong Som.

The radio reported heavy fighting at Veal Rinh, a strategic riverside town near Kompong Som, and said the loyalist troops achieved effective control of the entire highway from the the down to Kompong Som and along the road to Bok Chan outside the capital.

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Death in Bangladesh

By Brij Khindaria

GENEVA —

The death-toll in hunger and disease-stricken refugee camps in Bangladesh has risen to 10,221 people, including nearly 7,000 children, according to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

The deaths and crisis conditions in the 13 camps housing nearly 200,000 refugees from Burma have brought a flurry of international activity. The high rate of infant mortality is thought to be the result mainly of malnutrition, aggravated by over-crowding and epidemic disease as well as the misery and helplessness of mothers who often fail to report to food distribution centers to get extra rations for their children.

The refugees, Bengalis from the state of Arakan just across the border in western Burma, fled to Bangladesh early last summer, telling stories of atrocities after a Burmese government campaign against what it alleged to be illegal immigrants in this poor and remote part of the country.

Bengalis have settled in the area over the last two decades and the Burmese government had traditionally turned a blind eye. But it was provoked by a secessionist movement out to take the state (which has a slight Muslim majority) out of

Conflict of interests

By Miguel Acoa

MADRID —

A bit of diplomatic foot-dragging by Spain during the height of the Iran crisis has signaled that the United States can no longer take for granted stopover rights at Spanish air bases for U.S. warplanes on their way to Middle East trouble spots.

Spain's reluctance to allow U.S. F-15s bound for Saudi Arabia to land at Torrejon air base outside Madrid caused an expensive rerouting through Lajes, a base on Portugal's Azores Islands, with midair refueling.

The incident underlined the differences between Spain and the United States that threaten to weaken the 25-year-old military relationship between the two countries.

Spanish policy and attitudes raise serious questions about whether the United States can use the Spanish bases to supply Israel in the event of another Middle East war, for example.

Spain actually refused to allow U.S. planes resupplying Israel in 1973 to land at the bases — Spain does not recognize Israel and has cultivated the Arab states. However, U.S. air tankers from Torrejon did fly repeated missions in 1973 refueling planes from the United States arming weapons to Israel.

Spain's apparent unhappiness with this situation stems from the fact that Washington and Madrid have conflicting Middle East policies and differences of opinion over whether developments like the current crisis in Iran actually involve the defense of the West.

U.S. officials maintain that under the five-year bases treaty, which expires in 1981, the United States has "unlimited transit rights" for planes headed for third countries.

Exactly what happened regarding transit rights for the F-15s is not clear. U.S. officials put in a routine request with the foreign office. At first the answer was affirmative.

Then it was announced in Washington that the planes were going to Saudi Arabia for reasons involving Iran. Madrid promptly withdrew approval even though the flight involved three friendly governments — the United States, the Shah and the Saudi government.

"We didn't want to be taken for granted," explained a Spanish official.

"Perhaps we should have consulted a friend about the mission of the F-15s," an American source said. "We used them (the Spanish bases) in 1973, and we should save them for a crucial moment."

The fact remains, however, that the incident over the F-15s set a precedent. The American interpretation of "unlimited transit rights" is now an issue that will be raised if there is a new Middle East crisis and when a new bases agreement is negotiated in coming months.

While it is true that Premier Adolfo Suarez faces an electoral campaign in which the U.S. treaty may become an issue, Socialists and Communists agree that the alliance with the United States must be continued so as not to upset the balance of power in Western Europe. They oppose Spain joining NATO, however.

Apart from a different concept of Western defense and conflicting strategic views on the Middle East, Spain feels that it can extend its influence in the Arab world as U.S. standing drops. Spain's "special" role in the Arab world was a foreign policy cornerstone of the late dictator Francisco Franco. It remains the same under the nascent democracy of King Juan Carlos. (WP)



War in Cambodia

By Robert Whyman

BANGKOK —

Khmer Rouge troops are still able to mount frequent counterattacks against Vietnamese-backed forces of the new Cambodian government. But they are taking staggering losses, and some units appear ready to fight to the last man in desperate kamikaze-style attempts to recapture strategic strongpoints, according to intelligence sources in Bangkok.

The sources are treating with caution sweeping claims made by Radio Democratic Kampuchea — mouthpiece of the overthrown regime of Premier Pol Pot — that the entire southwest of the country had been recaptured, and that the capital, Phnom Penh, was within reach of loyal forces who had pushed their control to a point only 35 kms south-west of it. In a recent broadcast the radio station — believed to be transmitting from China — said that loyal forces "have totally liberated the southwest" except for the coastal towns of Kampong and Kep and "all the roads leading from Phnom Penh to the provinces are under our control."

Vietnamese forces are trapped inside the port of Kampong and the seaside resort of Kep, the radio said: Highway Four from Phnom Penh to the deep-water port of Kompong Som was under control of loyal units. The town of Takeo, south of Phnom Penh, had also been "liberated".

Last week the radio station said that Vietnamese troops who briefly occupied the ancient temples at Angkor Wat

— symbol of Cambodian national pride — had been thrown out by "our revolutionaries."

The new administration, the People's Revolutionary Council, installed in the capital January 7th a fortnight after a Vietnamese-backed offensive against the Khmer Rouge leaders got under way, offers a contradictory picture of events. A rally was held in Phnom Penh last month to celebrate "the great Kampuchean victory" the Voice of Democratic Kampuchea (organ of the new government) reported, giving no hint of continuing fighting.

Both the new administration under Heng Samrin and the toppled Pol Pot regime refer in the same terms to their successes: "liberation" by "revolutionary troops."

Intelligence analysts here closely following the war acknowledge their dearth of precise information on the situation in Cambodia.

They suspect that the claims by Pol Pot's radio are exaggerated, while saying they have evidence that logistics problems of the Vietnamese are hampering the effort by the new rulers of Cambodia to cement their lightning victory.

At a reversal of the guerrilla tactics employed successfully against the Americans, the Vietnamese division helped their Cambodian allies to power by a conventional type attack using armored columns to seize communications centers, bypassing Khmer Rouge concentrations that are now harassing their supply lines. The Vietnamese appear to have lost touch with guerrilla warfare in

their fight bare foot, without flakjackets or steel helmets.

"You can imagine what happens when a mortar shell explodes in a trench," the expert said.

By stirring up the historical Cambodian animosity towards Vietnamese, the old regime has a fanatical fighting force, which in some instances is resorting to kamikaze-style attacks against insuperable odds.

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"The Saudi-Iraqi talks about cooperation in internal security matters indicate that the two countries intend to expand the areas of their coordination and consultations," according to "Al-Bilad".

"These consultations are important whether they are held in the context of resolutions passed by the second conference of Arab interior ministers or as a result of close understanding to keep the region safe from conflicts and threats to its stability."

"The strategic importance of both countries lends urgency to the need to discuss the fundamental problems of the region and to deepen Arab understanding and solidarity. The two countries should study all the possibilities which may arise in the region on account of certain developments as this joint effort will help guard the region against certain events or foreign interference," the paper added.

"The paper said "it is hoped that the talks will bring about a joint Gulf and Arab plan that ensures the capability of the people of the region to handle their own affairs — including security."

"The anti-Saudi and anti-Arab statements made recently by Senator Frank Church were surprising in as much as they were made by a responsible American and chairman of the foreign relations committee," according to "Al-Bilad".

"These statements show glaring Zionist tendencies and flagrant hostility to any good relations between the United States and the Arab world."

"They also express, rather badly, Israel's desperate attempts to extricate itself from the political crisis in view of the changing patterns of international public opinion in favor of the Arab point of view."

"These attempts by Sen-

Church can only be embarrassing to the United States as he attacks a country like Saudi Arabia which has been a force for prudence and moderation. The idea behind his recriminations is to undermine Saudi-American relations so that Israel may once again be in American considerations."

"But Senator Church makes a mistake," the paper added, "because Saudi Arabia will never go along with any attempts to perpetuate the occupation of Arab lands. Saudi Arabia will not change its position regarding the future of holy Jerusalem."

"Saudi Arabia will never waver over the restoration of full Palestinian rights."

"While the country was able to meet the demand for workers by importing foreign labor on a large scale, there is still a great deal of invisible unemployment," "Omar" said.

"That the present force working for the government is not

as efficient as it should be and capabilities are not properly developed and exploited."

"This invisible unemployment is worse than normal unemployment because it means ob-

structing the work of our various departments and derailing most of our accomplishments."

"The solution lies in a scientific study of our labor

and endorsing any particular candidate or coalition government to succeed Bakhtiar.

According to a report in the French Communist newspaper "L'Humanite," Iran's illegal Communist Party, the Tudeh, has urged that Khomeini and National Front leader Karim Sanjabi form a United Front for the National Liberation of Iran.

The Tudeh also has reportedly called for the front to prepare for and direct "the people's armed struggle against the present regime's forces" and has urged formation of secret cells in the army to train armed sections and supply weapons.

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Moscow eyes Khomeini

By Dan Fisher

MOSCOW —

Until just a few weeks ago, the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini was a virtual nonentity here, ignored by the official Soviet press.

Soviet newspapers, magazines, radio and television spoke of the religious opposition in Iran, to be sure, but they emphasized other centers of discontent. As recently as last October, commentators still spoke of "right-wing zealots of Islam."

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Two lengthy analyses of the Iranian situation

Tehran's Intercontinental aloof to the revolution

By William Tuohy

TEHRAN — When irate mobs rampaged a few weeks ago, after they burned the British Embassy, airline offices and dozens of banks and shops in the center of the capital, the rioters headed for the Intercontinental Hotel.

They broke the windows and surged into the ground floor coffee shop, but the plucky chief hostess — an Iranian herself — personally barred the entrance to the main lobby.

Then staff workers turned fire hoses on the rioters and drove them back out of the hotel and into the street. The demonstrators moved away, looking for an easier target.

"It was a fine example of team cooperation," remarked general manager Gary Hoagland, whose hotel has been an oasis ever since the violence escalated in the streets of Tehran.

"The city was in flames, but our staff held fast," Hoagland said. "They don't teach courses like that in hotel management schools."

The Intercontinental thus far has survived power cuts, curfew regulations, fuel shortages and threats of violence with flying colors.

And it has taken its place along with the Amman Intercontinental in Jordan, the Dacca Intercontinental in Bangladesh, and the Commodore Hotel in Beirut as hosteries that have managed to function admirably under the most trying conditions.

Almost all of the major hotels in Tehran have virtually shut down — but the 386-room Intercontinental is open for business. In fact, it is only just missing breaking even on the balance sheet.

"We usually have an occupancy rate of 90 per cent to 92 per cent," Hoagland said. "In normal times, we would have one of the largest volumes in profits of food and drink in our chain."

"Currently we are running about 49 per cent occupancy, and that is around the break-even point. We won't make money, but we won't lose much. We're to reduce the staff, we would show a profit, but we don't want to let any-

one go."

The hotel now has 495 employees, 20 of whom are non-Iranian.

"I think our staff has been outstanding," Hoagland said.

"Despite the curfew and lack of public transportation, most of them have managed to get to work every day, even though they could have called in sick. I think it's not only because they are getting a pay-check every week but also because they feel that their careers are genuinely involved here."

Ordinarily, the hotel's guests would be businessmen making regular trips to Iran. But with the government offices and most commerce shut down twice, the clientele of the hotel nowadays is almost entirely Iranian.

"We had to change our operation to look after the needs of our guests, who are operating almost 24 hours a day," Hoagland commented. "But the journalists are understanding about our hotel problems — the power cuts and the shortages, and the fact that outgoing phones and the telexes have been shut off by the government."

"The guests have been understanding, and we have tried to make the best of it."

Because of a strike by telecommunications workers and the absence of government management, it is next to impossible to make an outgoing phone call or telex call. However, incoming calls from the United States and Europe get through — often after several hours delay.

"Our phone operators have been magnificent," Hoagland said, "and have managed to maintain a link to the outside world."

Hoagland is proud of the fact that the hotel has managed to keep its prices from rising during the crisis. However, Tehran is one of the most expensive cities in the world, and the Intercontinental's prices reflect that fact.

For instance, an American breakfast is \$7, a steak \$17 without the trimmings and a Coca-Cola 80 cents — all excluding service charges. Hotel taxi charge about \$15 an hour.

Each morning, Hoagland sends his purchasing scouts out to buy foodstuffs — coffee at \$10 a pound — and fuel oil, which has quadrupled in price during the crisis and is in short supply in Tehran. The fuel is needed for normal heating purposes and to run the auxiliary electric generators that are cut in during the daily and nightly power cuts.

Thus, even then the hotel usually manages to keep the elevators running and corridor lights working — although the guests in the rooms must operate by candlelight.

One of the saving graces of the hotel is that when the crisis started here was a freezer full of American beef. The supply is rapidly being depleted, however, and a recent container full of prime beef from the United States had to be unloaded in Dubai because of the strike in Iranian port cities.

The hotel used to operate four restaurants but has now doubled up by moving the ground floor restaurants to the top floor — the 13th. The kitchens have been able to handle all the guests — including the night when 350 passengers who waited in vain for a jumbo jet at the airport turned up on Hoagland's doorstep and were fed and bedded down.

The Intercontinental, which opened in 1971, is one-quarter owned by Intercontinental Hotels and the rest by local corporations and banks.

Hoagland, 39, is a native of Portland, Oregon, and a graduate of the University of Utah, where his first innkeeping job was as a bellboy at the Temple Square Hotel in Salt Lake City.

He has spent most of his career in the financial end of the hotel business, with the Albert Pick chain and Playboy Enterprises, before moving to the Intercontinental group in 1973. He asked to move into operations and became general manager in Tehran in August 1977.

During the crisis, his wife, Loretta, and two daughters, Kelly, 17, and Stacy, 15 remained in their suite in the hotel. But recently, when the American school shut down,



Members of Algeria's ruling Council of the Revolution. Col. Chadli, with white hair, is second from the end.

Algeria moves from Boumedienne to Chadli

ALGIERS —

After the strain and traumas of the past six months, Algeria's sole political party, the National Liberation Front, has now firmly established the socialist framework of the state.

New statutes adopted at the party congress, which ended on Wednesday, provided for a smooth transition following the death last month of President Houari Boumedienne, who had ruled single-handedly for 13 years. It also stabilized the country's institutional structures, which Boumedienne had worked on for years, in much the way he would have wanted.

New statutes adopted at the congress stipulated that the party secretary general would

be the automatic presidential candidate. By electing Colonel Benjedid Chadli to this post, the congress assured him of the presidency, though subject to approval of the central committee.

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tary general has the power to name the party's politburo, subject to approval of the central committee.

A government reshuffle king compromise. It has produced a structure in which the party chief is clearly the state's figure while remaining responsible to the party's 166-strong central committee.

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Party pre-eminence is further illustrated by the fact that politburo members will be put in charge of top party and government posts and even lesser ministers will have to be at least central committee members according to reliable congress sources.

It will be left to Benjedid, as both president and general secretary, to allocate posts after his election.

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For example, some of the employees were pro-Shah and many more were anti-Shah. He had to tread a delicate line in not alienating the staff workers of either persuasion.

Similarly, he has invited American couples over to play bridge. "One night we had three couples, but two of the rooms had single beds and only one room had a double bed — so the winners go the room

with the double bed as a prize," he recalled.

During the crisis, Hoagland has also had to be something of a Solomon in handling the delicate problems in the hotel.

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How does Hoagland go about his business as a kind of hotel crisis manager?

"We try to explain to our staff exactly what we are doing," he said. "We have to make sure that our department

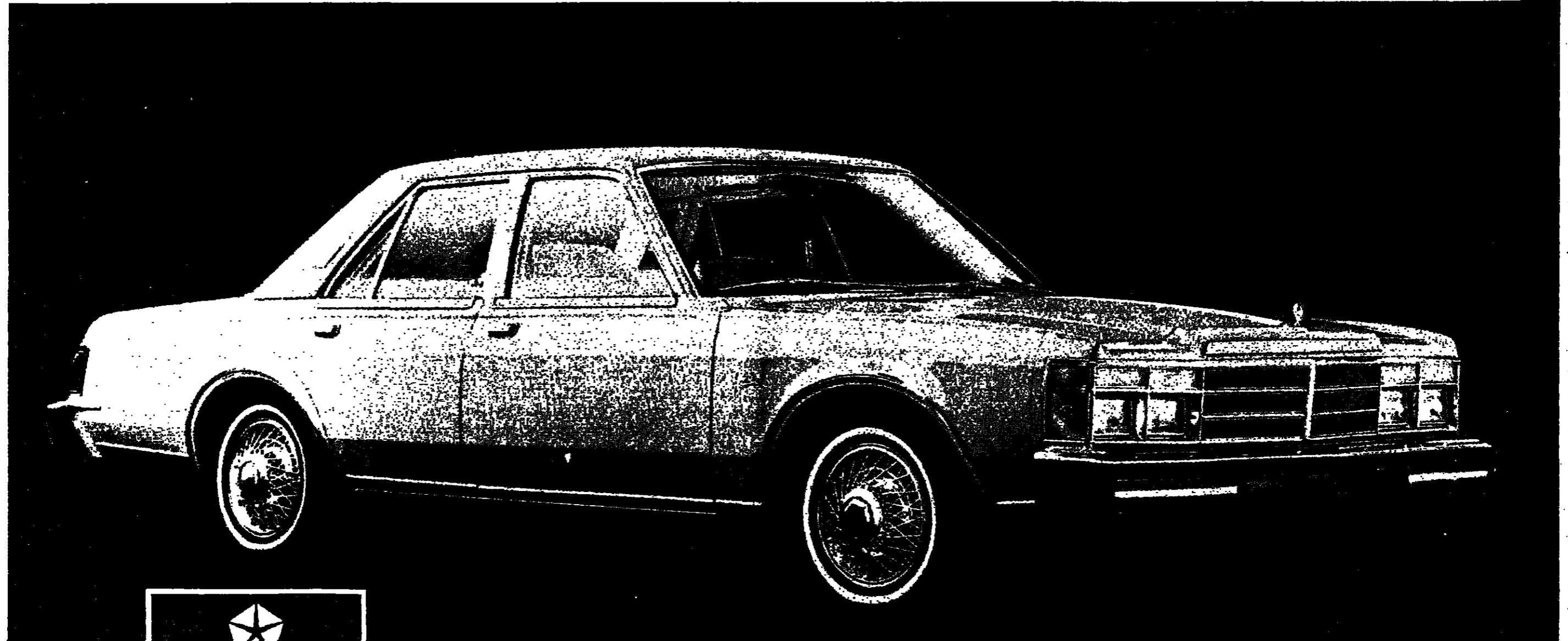
heads take the necessary action to make sure food, supplies and fuel are actually being obtained — through whatever channels we can get them.

"And we try to keep up the spirits of the staff — to let them know that management cares about the effort they are putting in — and that the headquarters in New York also appreciates their efforts."

So, partly because of all these things and partly out of

Despite Hoagland's yeoman efforts to keep the hotel on an even keel, however, a handful of militant employees — egged on by Iranian nationalists — are demanding the replacement of all non-Iranian management and culinary staff, including Hoagland himself.

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Nehemiah bests 2nd world mark

EDMONTON, Canada, Feb. 4 (AP) — Renaldo Nehemiah of Maryland University broke world record of 6.36 seconds in the men's 50-meter hurdles Saturday night at the "Edmonton Journal" international indoor games.

It was his second world record in two nights.

He was followed through the finish line before a crowd of about 10,000 by Charles Foster of Philadelphia with Kery Bellet, also of Philadelphia, in third place.

Nehemiah was first away from the blocks and extended his lead through every stride. As he flashed over the finish line, he raised his hand to signify what he knew was a good performance.

It was the fifth world indoor record established by Nehemiah this season.

Nehemiah now holds the world indoor hurdle records for distances of 50 meters, 55 meters, 50 yards and 60 yards. He set the standard for 50 yards Friday night in Toronto. Two weeks ago at the Olympic invitational meet in New York, Nehemiah lowered the 50-yard hurdles mark for the third time this year to 6.88 seconds. And Friday night, Nehemiah clocked 6.04 in the 50-yard hurdles for another world record.

Pole

Dan Ripley of the Pacific Coast track club of Los Angeles set a world indoor pole vault record, clearing 18 feet, 5 1/4 inches on his third and best attempt.

His leap erased the mark set by Mike Tully of the United States, who was eliminated at a lower height. Tully's mark was 18-5 1/4.

But Bob Hersch, U.S. Amateur Athletic Union Record Committee chairman, said after the meet that he will recommend Ripley's record not be ratified.

Hersch said the mounts used

to hold the crossbar were too flexible and acted as shock absorbers holding the bar up at times when it should have fallen.

Eagerly

In one of the races most eagerly awaited, U.S. Olympic star Steve Williams of Oakland, California, nipped 1971 sprint champion Kestey Crawford of Trinidad at the wire of a 50-meter dash. Williams was timed in 5.78 seconds and Crawford in 5.80.

Steve Riddick of Philadelphia overcame a slow start to be a solid third.

Veteran Stan Vinson of Chicago struggled to a narrow win over Herman Frazier of Philadelphia in the invitational men's 500 meters. Fred Sower-

by of Antigua was third.

Commonwealth Games champion Geoff Capes of London won the shot put with a heave of 20.18 meters. Al Feuerbach of the United States was second with a 19.57 meter toss.

Second

For the second night in a row, Eamonn Coghlan of Ireland won a mile in better than four minutes. He streaked away from second place Sidney Maree of Villanova University to win in 3:57.7.

Jürgen Straub of East Germany was third.

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Breaking Communist ranks

Independent Romania woos EEC

BRUSSELS, Feb. 4 (R)—Romania has once again asserted its independence from the Soviet Union, this time by breaking ranks on the Communist bloc's negotiations with the European Common Market and going it alone.

Bucharest is to open talks with the EEC on commercial and industrial cooperation agreements which, if concluded, will be the first signed with a member of Comecon, the Soviet-led Communist trading bloc.

Romania's move, though not as dramatic as its refusal last year to go along with a Warsaw Pact proposal to increase defense spending, is seen as another firm step by President Nicolae Ceausescu to loosen Moscow's grip on Eastern Europe.

Romania's initiative comes at a time when slow-moving talks between the nine-member EEC and Comecon are stalled, mainly over the question of who has the power to negotiate trade agreements.

The Common Market feels



Nicolae Ceausescu

that Comecon does not have uniform customs and will the same supra-national authority as the EEC Commission goods between its members.

to negotiate trade agreements. The Common Market countries also feel that to give Comecon the competence to

not is a position to give subsidies to clauses on such trade individual members would reinforce Moscow's political control over its allies, EEC sour-

ces said.

At the last meeting between delegations led by Comecon Secretary, Nikolai Fadeyev and EEC External Affairs Commissioner Wilhelm Haferkamp in November, the Common Market made proposals it described as the extreme limit of possible concessions.

The Common Market proposed an accord, to be signed by Comecon as a whole as well as its individual members, that would include a general reference to trade.

But agreements themselves would still be concluded between the EEC and Comecon's individual members, and the general reference would be kept vague.

Fadeyev said the proposal would be studied by the Comecon council's next meeting. The EEC is expecting an answer from Comecon some time this month.

In fact economic realities have already forced Comecon countries to deal with the EEC in certain areas.

Romania, Poland and Hungary have made arrangements on textiles, while all Eastern European countries except Russia and East Germany have entered into agreements to restrain exports of their steel products to the EEC.

Comecon was forced to ignore such breaches of its rules because its members would otherwise have risked the EEC banning their exports.

The Soviet Union itself agreed to enter talks with the EEC, with Poland and East Germany, when the Community extended its fishing limits to 200 miles. The negotiations eventually broke down.

Romania's gradual approach towards the EEC has been a classic example of "sabami tactics", with each little slice bringing it nearer to Brussels. EEC sources said.



Chiang Ching-kuo

Taiwan confident on economy despite U.S. ties to mainland

TAIPEI, Feb. 4 (UPI)—Taiwan is confident it can maintain its present economic growth and stability despite U.S. recognition of Peking.

Authorities here have said repeatedly that Taiwan's economic policies toward the United States and the rest of the world will remain unchanged although Washington has severed its 30-year diplomatic ties with Nationalist China.

The government will continue to develop domestic heavy sophisticated industries following a record 12.97 per cent economic growth in 1978. The government has set a moderate

growth of 8.5 per cent for 1979 with an annual average per capita of \$1,631 up from \$1,504.

Foreign trade is forecast to grow from \$24 billion in 1978

to \$35 billion with the U.S. remaining Taiwan's biggest trading partner.

Official statistics indicate

trade between Taiwan and the U.S. in 1978 reached \$7.5 billion with a surplus of \$2.8 million in favor of Taiwan.

A trade agreement signed

recently between the two countries provides for \$3 billion worth of concessions by reducing tariffs and other measures.

The United States had a 44

per cent share of Taiwan's foreign investment with \$583 million in 1978. Aggregate U.S. investment is about \$5 billion.

Various U.S. investors have

assured the Taiwanese government of their future expansion

plans despite the switch in offi-

cial ties to Peking and the abrogation of the mutual defense treaty.

L.R. Wolter, president of RCA Taiwan, said that foreign investments in Taiwan will continue to grow and "RCA's business operations in Taiwan will continue as before."

RCA Taiwan has over 9,000 employees, exported \$96.3 million worth of products in 1977, second highest among all exporters here.

Taiwan depends heavily on foreign firms, not so their investment which provides less than three per cent of the country's capital formation, but for the technical know-how they supply.

Taiwan also depends on the U.S. for more than half of its foreign credits.

Metal workers, bank employees affected

Strikes, lockouts idle Spanish workers

MADRID, Feb. 4 (AP)—Factory lockouts and strikes over pay disputes idled hundreds of thousands of Spanish workers Saturday.

More than 250,000 metal workers at 200 plants in Madrid, northern Vizcaya and Navarre provinces were locked out Saturday.

The constitution, approved by Spanish voters and adopted

in December, gives workers the right to strike and employers the right to close their plants in extreme situations when negotiations fail to resolve differences.

The metal workers' whose

average monthly pay ranges

from \$645 to \$715, are seeking

a 14 per cent pay increase.

While management is offering

9 per cent.

Management officials said

some plants will reopen Monday and others will remain closed at least until Tuesday.

An estimated 130,000 private

bank employees staged a 24-hour nationwide walkout Saturday after negotiations over a pay dispute reached an impasse, union sources said.

Negotiations are under way

in an effort to solve the problem.

The majority of the nation's

banks were open despite the

walkout by members of the

socialists' workers' general union

and the communist-dominated

workers' committees. Spain's

two largest unions. The banks

were kept open by nonunion personnel.

The average pay scale of the bank workers is similar to that of the metal workers. The banking unions are seeking a 16.5 per cent raise but management has offered 13 per cent.

A strike by door-to-door

butane gas distributors entered its second week Saturday.

The government has set up emergency supply sites in Madrid, Leon, Barcelona, Zamora and Valladolid, where some 2,000 gas distributors have halted work. About two thirds of Spanish homes use butane gas as their prime energy source.

The distributors want to increase their 31 cent commission for delivering a gas container to \$1 cent, or a 64 per cent raise. Management is offering a four-cent increase.

The cost of living in Spain rose by 16.5 per cent last year.



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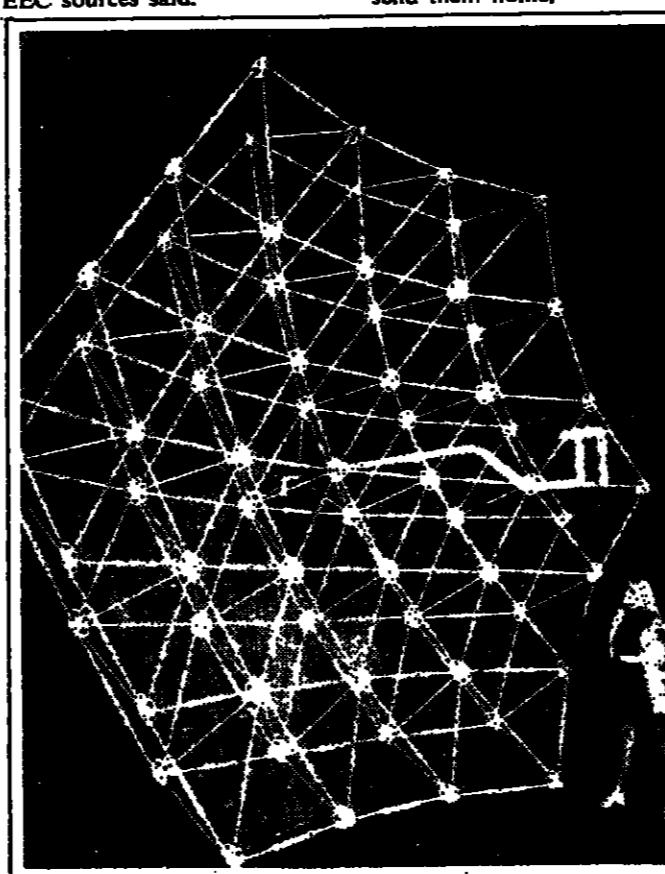
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Pound Sterling	6.63	6.72	6.72
Deutsche Mark	1.77 (100)	180.50	180.50
Swiss F	1.95 (100)	200.00	199.50
French F	0.77 (100)	79.00	78.75
Italian Lira (100)	—	4.00	4.00
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	108.50	108.00
Syrian Lira (100)	—	80.00	85.00
Egyptian Pound	—	4.55	4.80
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.25	12.25
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.40	11.33
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	87.25	87.25
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	87.25	87.25
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.72	8.72
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	9.40	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	73.75	73.65
South Yemeni Dinar	—	—	—
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	79.00	88.25
Indian Rupee (100)	—	41.00	40.41
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	33.00	34.00
Gold kg	—	23,850	—
10 Tolas bar	—	3,000	—
Silver kg bar	—	690	—
Japanese yen (100)	1.65	—	—
Canadian dollar	2.79	—	—
Belgian franc (10)	1.13	—	—
Dutch guilder	1.64	—	—
Italian Lira (100)	0.40	—	—

SAMA rates announced by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, based on average rates of the London money market and the official price of the U.S. dollar.

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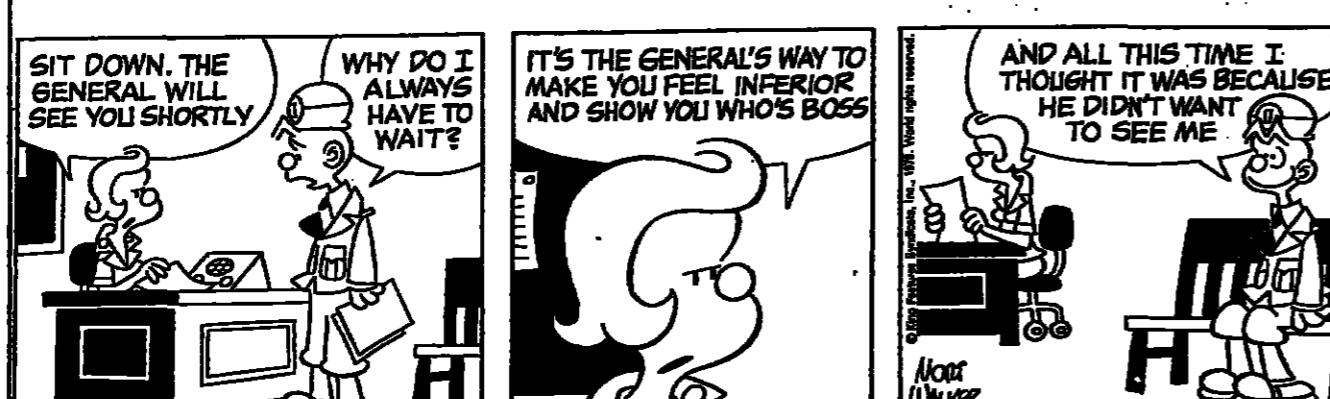
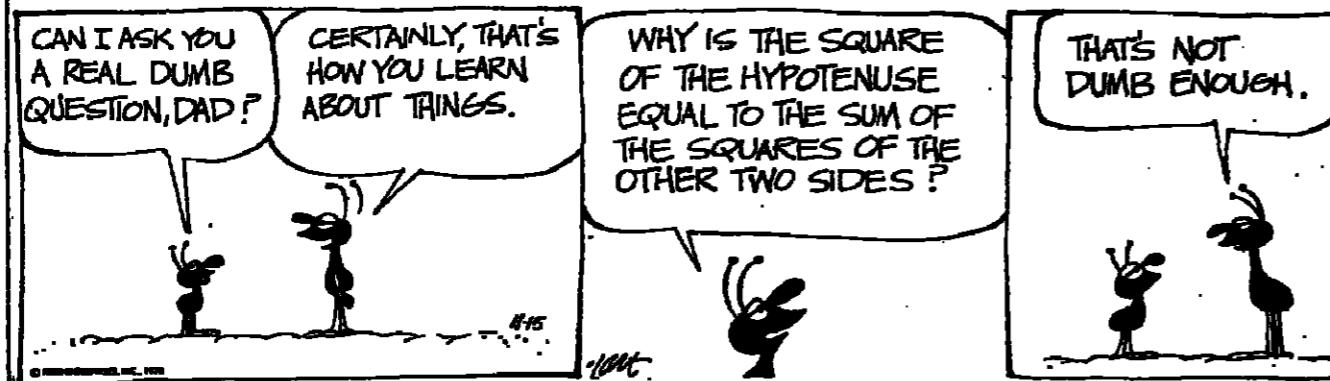
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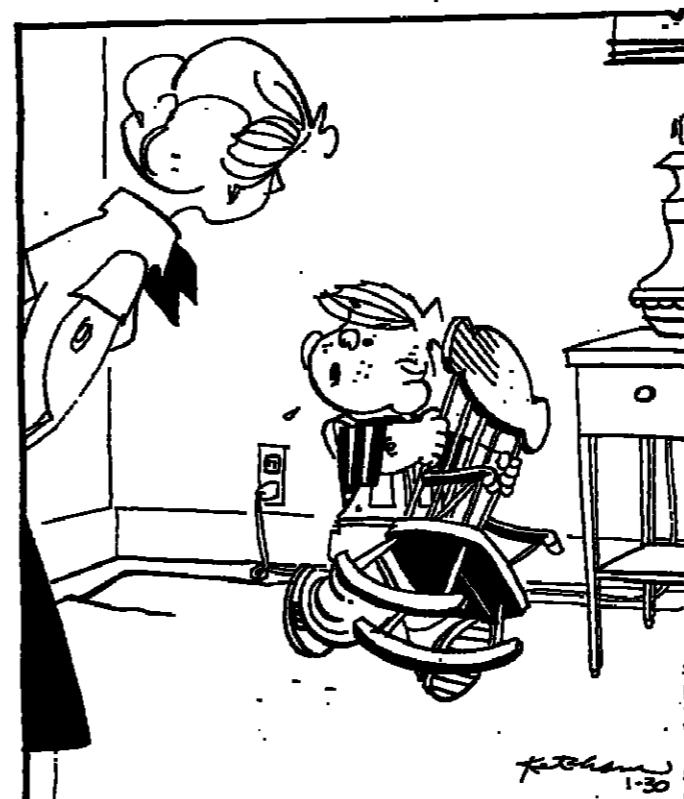
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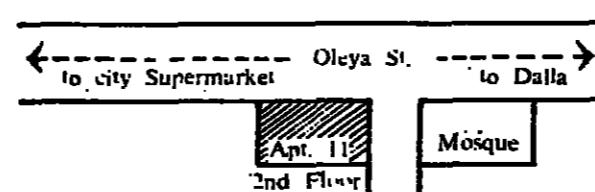
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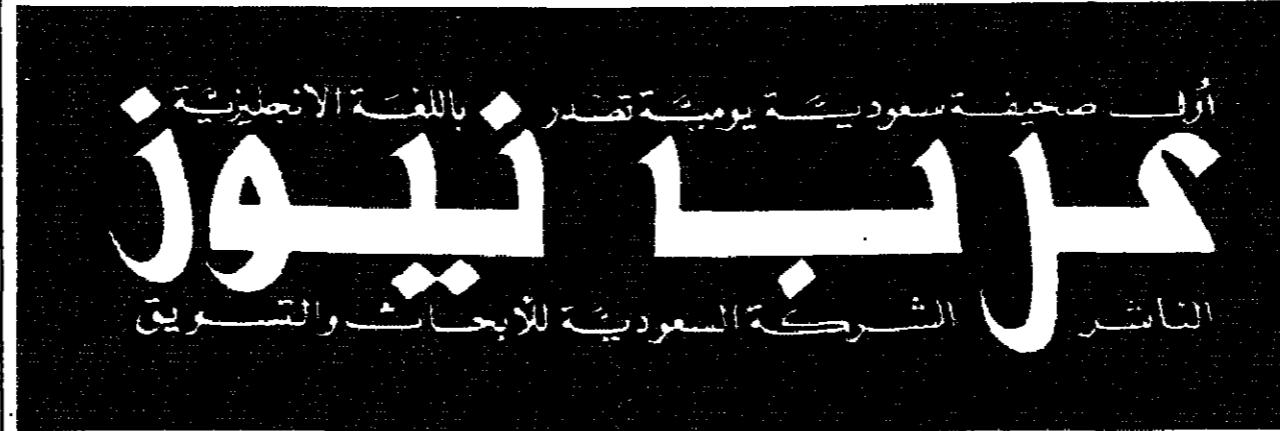
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Over 100,000 blacks mass at Salisbury election rally

SALISBURY, Feb. 4 (AP)—More than 100,000 blacks packed a football stadium here Sunday to hear Muzorewa launch his campaign to persuade blacks to take part in this country's first universal suffrage election.

The election is scheduled April 20 despite guerrilla threats to blow up the polling booths.

Delighted Muzorewa aides pointed to the turnout, estimated by police at 120,000 people. They said it indicated popular support for the internationally-recognized agreement for black rule between Prime Minister Ian Smith and the three Salisbury black leaders.

The diminutive Muzorewa, dressed in his party's black, red, yellow and green colors, and matching tasseled cap, drew thunderous applause as he praised Rhodesian whites for conceding black rule.

He also receive applause as he denounced Western powers for continuing to withhold recognition and nationalist guerrillas for their ongoing war for control.

Sheep rustlers said ordered flogged in Iran

TEHRAN, Feb. 4 (R)—Four men accused of stealing 18 sheep were ordered to be given 30 strokes of the whip each by the top religious authority of Mashhad, in northern Iran, the newspaper "Ete'at" reported Sunday.

It said the four men had been arrested by "Islamic stewards" and taken to Ayatollah Ozma Shirazi after admitting the theft.

"People's courts" are reported to have sprung up in various parts of the country in recent months and "Islamic stewards" have largely replaced police in some provincial centers.

The rally was the first since the Jan. 30 referendum in which the tiny white electorate, which has held power for nearly nine decades, voted overwhelming for the Salisbury transition government's constitution. The document provides for a black-dominated government in which whites will have a powerful say for another decade.

One of the embattled transition government's main fears is that blacks, either because

The crowd responded with the chant: "Zimbabwe Nyedu," "Zimbabwe is ours."

Under a controversial decision, prompted by Smith, the country is due to be known as Zimbabwe-Rhodesia after the April elections. But blacks use only its nationalist name, Zimbabwe.

Muzorewa declared that the present white-dominated parliament would be dissolved on March 8—"the most historical and dramatic day of all."

He complained bitterly that Britain and the United States have shrugged off the white referendum and show no sign of lifting sanctions imposed in 1965, when Smith declared independence unilaterally from Britain in a bid to avoid black rule.

Von Marbod has been in Iran for some time discussing the government's financial problems arising from the strikes in Iranian oilfields.

The "Post" said the major orders being cancelled are for 160 General Dynamics F-16 fighter planes, seven Boeing Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) planes, 20 McDonnell Douglas F-4 Phantom reconnaissance planes and two Spruce destroyers.

The newspaper also said construction of a \$1 billion naval base under construction at Chah Bahar on the Gulf by Texas contractor Brown and Root would be halted.

A Pentagon spokesman, asked about the report, said, "I don't have anything from there (Iran) to confirm or deny it."

The State Department had no immediate comment on the report.



SUDDENLY LAST SPRING: The first meeting last year of Rhodesia's executive Council, set up between white prime minister Ian Smith and black leaders Ntabanani Sithole, Abel Muzorewa and Chief Chiru under the internal settlement of last March 3 Sunday a crowd of blacks estimated at 120,000 gathered in a Salisbury stadium to hear Muzorewa's first speech of the campaign.

Firm on cabinet demand

Berlinguer assails last government

CAGLIARI, Sardinia, Feb. 4 (R)—Italy's government fell last week because of bad faith, delay and thirst for power among the ruling Christian Democrats, Communist Party Secretary Enrico Berlinguer said Sunday.

Speaking before 5,000 Communists on his native island, Berlinguer launched a fierce attack on the Christian Democrats whose 10-month-old minority government collapsed last Wednesday when the Communists withdrew their parliamentary support.

He renewed his party's demand for cabinet seats as the price of their entering any new alliance. The Christian Democrats have consistently dismissed this idea, so Berlinguer's re-statement of it made early general election seem inevitable.

"We pulled out of the majority because others, above all the Christian Democrats, did not stick to the agreement," he said.

Smith meanwhile said in an interview with BBC television that he would consider a 20 per cent poll on April 20 satisfactory.

Smith said the only circumstances in which he fore-

seened a real reform likely to become law, said Berlinguer, mentioning recent

proposals on agriculture and the police. "The Christian Democrats returned to their customary practices of delay and postponement."

He referred to recent statements by Christian Democratic leaders that the Communists would never enter the government. "And after such insults

For continued prosecution

Bonn sees Nazi law change

FRAKURT, Feb. 4 (R)—West German Justice Minister Hans-Joachim Vogel said Sunday he thought it probable that the law would be changed to allow continued prosecution of Nazi war criminals after the present time limit expires in December.

He said in a radio interview that there had been a shift in opinion—fuelled by last month's screening here of the American television series "Holocaust" about the mass

murder of the Jews—toward lifting the statute of limitations. (See earlier story page 4)

The law sets a time limit of 30 years on investigating murders. Unless the Bundestag (lower house) alters the law, no new legal investigations of suspected Nazi murders will be allowed after the end of this year.

Vogel said he hoped the Bundestag would reach a decision before the summer recess.

Oman

Iranian troops to us at the request of our government, in the early seventies," he said.

"We would do the same if requested by any of our neighbors," he added.

Oman offered to send troops to help a neighboring Arab country when the latter appeared in need of military support a year ago he said.

Sunday evening Zawawi met Foreign Minister Prince Saad al-Faisal, with whom he held talks. The meeting was attended by Sheikh Abdul Rahman Mansoori, deputy minister of foreign affairs and Salem Surbul, chief of protocol at the ministry of foreign affairs.

Later Sunday Zawawi returned home.

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Bakhtiar

by Khomeini as the prime minister of the provisional government.

Informed sources said Bakhtiar has met with Khomeini, Bakhtiar and at least two senior military leaders within the past 72 hours. The military officers expressed "appreciation" that Khomeini has moved slowly.

According to the sources, the army blocked Bakhtiar's plans for flying to Paris last month for a meeting with Khomeini. Khomeini insisted he would not meet Bakhtiar unless he resigned.

Sources said Khomeini has delayed announcing his provisional government and revolutionary council, which would dismantle the last vestiges of monarchy, to permit negotiations with the military.

"The Ayatollah will wait a few days, but I do not think he will wait longer than a week" before announcing his new government, one source said. A bloody showdown would then be "unavoidable," the source said, if there had been no agreement for Bakhtiar to resign or for the army to accept a new regime.

An Iranian source said Bakhtiar would probably agree to resign if he were convinced that his departure would not trigger a military coup by units, particularly the rangers and imperial guard, still loyal to the Shah.

cause we have undemarcated borders with Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Ras Al-Khaimah and Fujairah," he said.

He said a mutual security pact among Gulf states is desirable to ward off aggression or subversion supported and financed by foreign powers.

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He said no country advo-

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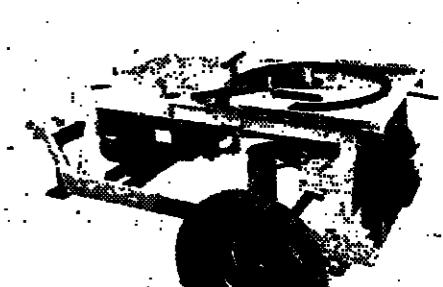
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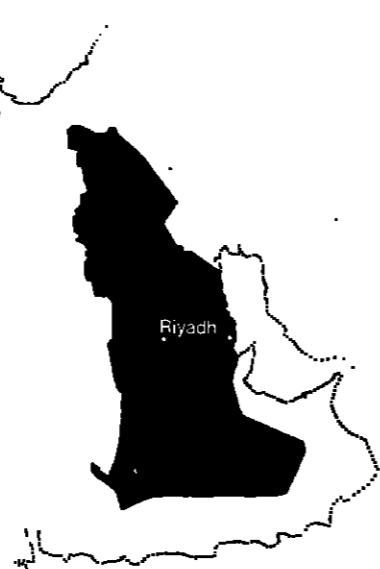
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